



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE  
HENRY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES**

**April 26, 2002**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE**  
**HENRY COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES**

**April 26, 2002**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes for Henry County Sheriff as of April 26, 2002. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

**Financial Condition:**

The Sheriff collected net taxes of \$4,157,563 for the districts for 2001 taxes. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$3,450,255 to the districts for 2001 Taxes.

**Deposits:**

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.



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Members of the Henry County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Henry County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of April 26, 2002. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Henry County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Henry County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of April 26, 2002, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 1, 2002, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.  
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -  
August 1, 2002



HENRY COUNTY  
G. R. DOWNEY, SHERIFF  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES

April 26, 2002

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 528,825	\$ 561,248	\$ 2,138,806	\$ 609,666
Tangible Personal Property	35,584	30,874	115,782	116,681
Intangible Personal Property				44,312
Fire Protection	626			
Taxes Increased Through Erroneous Assessments	561	535	2,174	668
Franchise Corporation	55,611	48,756	184,821	
Additional Billings	642	761	2,505	859
Limestone, Sand, and Mineral Reserves	91	109	361	104
Penalties	4,303	4,543	17,308	5,194
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	(16)	10	(2)	(1)
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>\$ 626,227</u>	<u>\$ 646,836</u>	<u>\$ 2,461,755</u>	<u>\$ 777,483</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,816	\$ 17,329	\$ 10,239
Discounts	7,577	7,935	30,208	10,530
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	14,089	14,979	57,218	16,223
Tangible Personal Property	407	352	1,379	790
Intangible Personal Property				1,279
Total Credits	<u>\$ 27,073</u>	<u>\$ 28,082</u>	<u>\$ 106,134</u>	<u>\$ 39,061</u>
Net Tax Yield	\$ 599,154	\$ 618,754	\$ 2,355,621	\$ 738,422
Less: Commissions (a)	<u>25,752</u>	<u>26,297</u>	<u>70,669</u>	<u>31,670</u>
Net Taxes Due	\$ 573,402	\$ 592,457	\$ 2,284,952	\$ 706,752
Taxes Paid	573,315	592,376	2,284,564	706,627
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	<u>121</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>140</u>
Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff) as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ (34)</u>	<u>\$ (38)</u>	<u>\$ (24)</u>	<u>\$ (15)</u>

(a),(b), and (c) See Page 4

HENRY COUNTY  
 G. R. DOWNEY, SHERIFF  
 SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES  
 April 26, 2002  
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(a) Commissions:

10% on	\$	10,000
4.25% on	\$	1,946,330
3% on	\$	2,355,621

(b) Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$	(13)
Health District		(13)
Extension District		(9)
Little KY River Watershed District		(2)
Coakland Farms District		(1)
Sand Springs District		(1)
Deerfield Section VI District		<u>1</u>

Due District or (Refunds Due Sheriff)	\$	<u><u>(38)</u></u>
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(c) School Districts

Common School	\$	2
Eminence Independent		<u>(26)</u>

Due District or (Refund Due Sheriff)	\$	<u><u>(24)</u></u>
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HENRY COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 26, 2002

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of April 26, 2002 the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

HENRY COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
April 26, 2002  
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Note 3. Tax Collection Period

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2001. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2002. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was September 27, 2001 through April 26, 2002.

Note 4. Interest Income

The Henry County Sheriff earned \$5,747 as interest income on 2001 taxes. The Sheriff distributed the appropriate amount to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder will be used to operate the Sheriff's office. As of August 1, 2002, the Sheriff owes \$68 in interest to the Eminence Independent School District and is due a refund from the Common School District of \$129 in interest overpaid and owes \$105 in interest to his fee account.

Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Henry County Sheriff collected \$21,553 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 6. Advertising Costs And Fees

The Henry County Sheriff collected \$435 of advertising costs allowed by KRS 424.330(1) and KRS 134.440(2). As of August, 2002, the Sheriff owes \$435 in advertising costs to the fiscal court.

Note 7. 1999 Tax Escrow Account

The 1999 tax escrow account earned \$13 in interest in calendar year 2001. The ending balance as of December 31, 2001 was \$937.

Note 8. Bond Coverage

KRS 134.320 and KRS 134.250 give the Fiscal Court the authority to require the Sheriff to have a county revenue bond. The county revenue bond is meant to cover all tax monies in the Sheriff's possession. The Sheriff's county revenue bond was \$1,000,000, which appears adequate to protect the county from potential loss.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS





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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control  
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the Henry County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of April 26, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated August 1, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Henry County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of April 26, 2002 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Henry County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control  
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards  
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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

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August 1, 2002



